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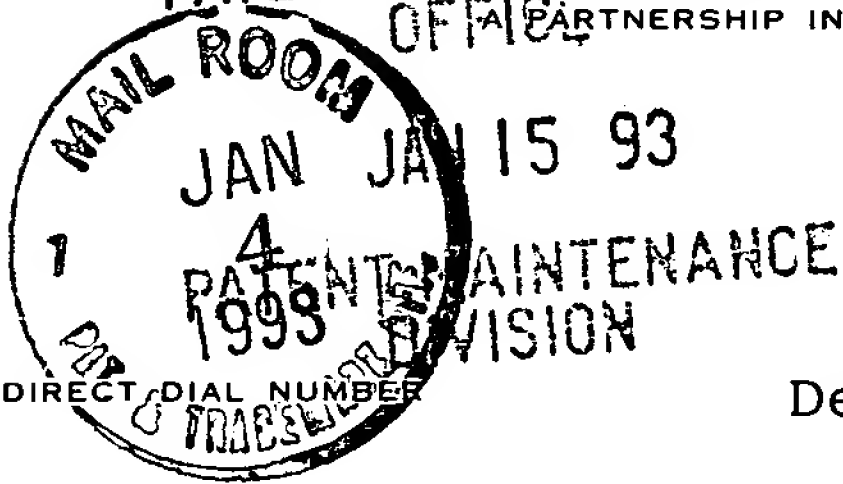
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Re: Request for Withdrawal as Attorney  
(37 C.F. 10.40 (b)); U.S. Pat. No. 4,972,181  
Entitled: A.C. POWER SMOKE DETECTOR WITH BACK-  
UP BATTERY SUPERVISION CIRCUIT  
Our Ref. No.: F320 05 A8 0001

Dear Sir:

We have enclosed a Request for Withdrawal as Attorney (37 C.F.R. 10.40(b)) for U.S. Pat. No. 4,972,181 and all other patents requiring payment of maintenance fees shown in the attached Request in the name of the assignee, Management Investment & Technology Co., Ltd.

If there is a fee for this Request, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0259.

Very truly yours,

Robert E. Browne

REB:LDA:kjl  
Enclosure

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited on the date shown below with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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Reg. No. 26,150

Dated: 12/28/92



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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

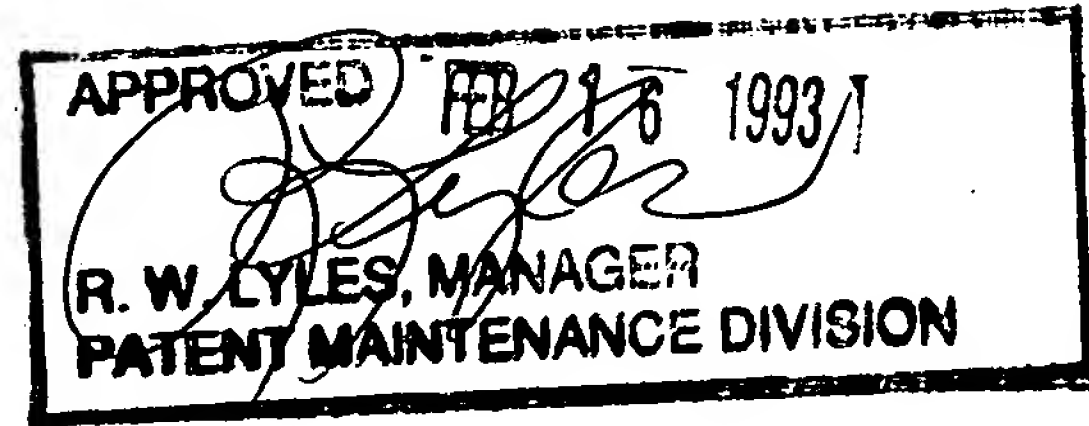
PAT. NO.: 4,972,181

ISSUED: 11-20-90

SER. NO.: 011,024

FILED: 02-05-87

ENTITLED: A.C. SMOKE DETECTOR  
WITH BACK-UP BATTERY  
SUPERVISION CIRCUIT



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REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL AS ATTORNEY (37 C.F.R. 10.40(b))

I, Robert E. Browne, respectfully request permission to withdraw from all further responsibility in this case in accordance with 37 CFR 1.36.

The last known mailing address of the assignee of the entire interest is: Management Investment & Technology, Co., Ltd., Wah Ming Building, 15th Floor, 34, Wong Chuk Hong Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong.

The basis for the request for withdrawal is 37 CFR 10.40(b)(4). At the request of the client, this case as well as related applications, and responsibility for all patent matters have been transferred to new counsel.

There is no outstanding term for response.

In accordance with 37 CFR 10.40(a), a copy of this request, including attachments, are being sent to the client. A copy of the letter to the client is attached. This material was sent to Fyrnetics, Inc. which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the client, Management Investment & Technology Co., Ltd.

This request is enclosed in triplicate.

Withdrawal is also being requested for the following applications of the assignee:

Application Serial Number                      Group

07/827,966

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Withdrawal is also being requested for the following patents of the assignee which require payment of maintenance fees under 37 CFR 1.20:

<u>Patent No./</u> <u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Serial No./</u> <u>Filing Date</u>
4,691,794 09-08-87	689,377 09-04-84
4,654,772 03-31-87	836,980 03-06-86
4,867,259 09-19-89	3,433 09-04-87
4,972,181 11-20-90	011,024 02-05-87

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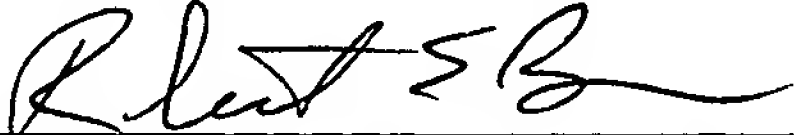
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<p>TO: <span style="float: right;">Mail Stop 8</span>          Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office          P.O. Box 1450          Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</p>	<p><b>DEC - 7 2005</b></p> <p><b>REPORT ON THE FILING OR DETERMINATION OF AN ACTION REGARDING A PATENT OR TRADEMARK</b></p>
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In Compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 290 and/or 15 U.S.C. § 1116 you are hereby advised that a court action has been  
 filed in the U.S. District Court Greensboro, N.C. on the following ☒ Patents or ☐ Trademarks:

DOCKET NO. 1:05cv1031	DATE FILED 11/28/2005	U.S. DISTRICT COURT Greensboro, N.C.
PLAINTIFF WALTER KIDDE PORTABLE EQUIPMENT, INC.		DEFENDANT UNIVERSAL SECURITY INSTRUMENTS, INC.
PATENT OR TRADEMARK NO.	DATE OF PATENT OR TRADEMARK	HOLDER OF PATENT OR TRADEMARK
1 See Attached 4,972,181		
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In the above—entitled case, the following patent(s)/ trademark(s) have been included:

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In the above—entitled case, the following decision has been rendered or judgement issued:

DECISION/JUDGEMENT
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CLERK John S. Brubaker	(BY) DEPUTY CLERK 	DATE 11/29/2005
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Copy 1—Upon initiation of action, mail this copy to Director    Copy 3—Upon termination of action, mail this copy to Director  
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

Walter Kidde Portable Equipment Inc.,

Plaintiff,

v.

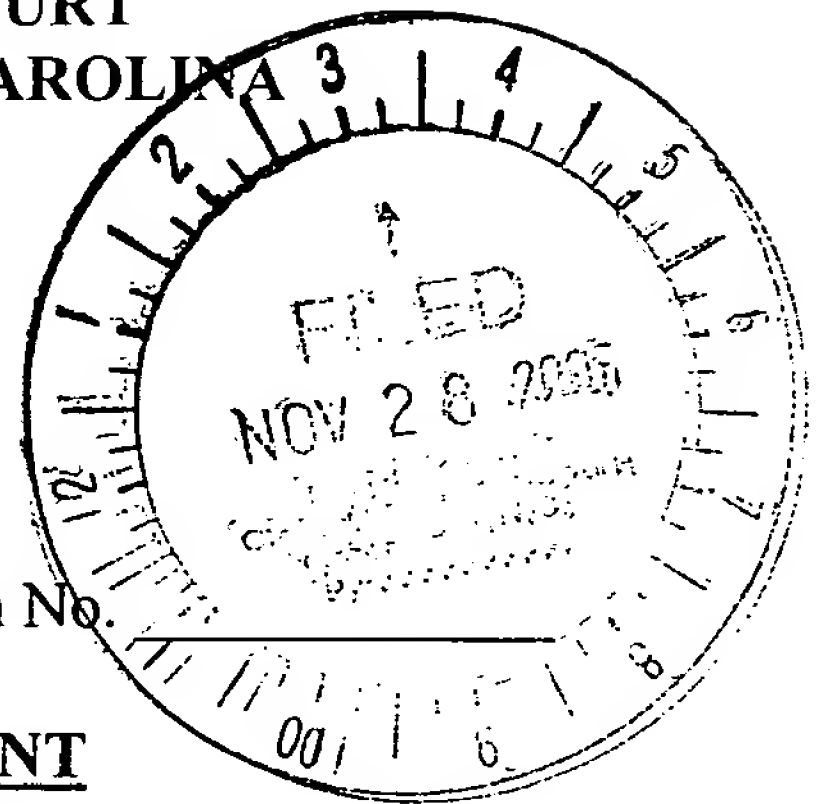
Universal Security Instruments, Inc.,

Defendant.

Civil Action No.

**COMPLAINT**

**1:05CV01031**



Plaintiff Walter Kidde Portable Equipment Inc. ("Kidde") states and alleges as follows:

**THE PARTIES**

1. Plaintiff Kidde is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Delaware and having its principal place of business at 1394 South Third Street, Mebane, North Carolina, 29302.

2. Defendant Universal Security Instruments, Inc. ("USI") is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Maryland and having its principal place of business at 7 Gwynns Mill Ct., Ste. A, Owing Mills, Maryland 21117-3528.

**JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

3. This is an action for patent infringement arising under United States patent laws. This Court has jurisdiction over the action under 15 U.S.C. § 1331 and 1338(a). Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) and (c).

## COUNT I

4. On November 20, 1990, United States Patent No. 4,972,181 ("the '181 Patent"), entitled "A.C. Powered Smoke Detector With Back-Up Battery Supervision Circuit" was duly and legally issued to Fyrnetics, Inc. as assignee of the inventor, Dale E. Fiene. A copy of the '181 Patent is attached as Exhibit A.

5. Fyrnetics, Inc. assigned the '181 patent to Management Investment Technology Company, Ltd. on March 19, 1990.

6. Plaintiff Kidde is the current owner of the '181 Patent as evidenced by an assignment from Management Investment Technology Company, Ltd. to Walter Kidde Portable Equipment, Inc.

7. Defendant USI has manufactured, used, offered to sell, and/or sold in the United States smoke detectors that infringe one or more claims of the '181 Patent.

8. By letter dated September 7, 1999, Kidde put Defendant USI on notice of the '181 Patent, by writing to Mr. Harvey Grossblatt, President of Defendant USI. Accordingly, Kidde has complied with the notice provision of 35 U.S.C. § 287.

9. Despite receiving notice of the '181 Patent, Defendant USI has continued its infringing activities.

10. Defendant USI's infringement of the '181 Patent has been willful and in bad faith.

11. Kidde has been damaged by Defendant USI's infringement of the '181 Patent and will continue to be damaged in the future unless Defendant USI is enjoined from infringing the '181 Patent.

12. Because this is an "exceptional" case under 35 U.S.C. § 285, Kidde is also entitled to recover the reasonable attorneys' fees it incurs in this litigation.

**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

13. Kidde hereby demands a trial by jury of all issues so triable.

**PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

**WHEREFORE**, the Plaintiff Kidde prays for the following relief:

- A. A judgment that Defendant USI has infringed United States Patent No. 4,972,181;
- B. A permanent injunction enjoining and restraining Defendant USI, its officers, directors, agents, servants, employees, attorneys and all others acting under or through them from directly infringing or inducing or contributing infringement, including indemnifying or defending other infringements of U.S. Patent No. 4,972,181;
- C. A judgment and order requiring Defendant USI to pay damages to Kidde under 35 U.S.C. § 284, with interest and costs;
- D. An award of increased damages to Kidde for Defendant USI's willful infringement of the '181 Patent;
- E. An award to Kidde of its costs and attorneys' fees incurred in connection with this action, as permitted in exceptional cases by 35 U.S.C. § 285; and
- F. Such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November 2005.



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